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SUBJ: SAVIMBI ON SITUATION IN ANGOLA

1. UNITA PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI MEETING PRESS AT KINSHASA SEPT 18
MADE LONG, RAMBLING STATEMENT ON SITUATION IN ANGOLA. FOLLOWING ARE
HIGHLIGHTS AS REPORTED OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWAGENCY (AZAP) SEPTEMBER 19:

2. UNITA(AND WORLD OPINION GENERALLY) HAS LONG SINCE BEEN AWARE THAT
PORTUGUESE, THROUGH DOMINANT COMMUNIST PARTY, HASFAVORED NETO, AND IN-

TENDS PASS POWER IN ANGOLA TO MPLA. IF THIS TRANSPIRES, WAR WILL BE
INTENSIFIED. CHARGING TMAT MPLA MUST BEAR STIGMA OF SUCESSION,
SAVIMBI STATED UNITA HAD NO INTENTION OF SECEEDING, BUT WOULD FIGHT TO

RECOVER ITS RIGHTS. HE SAW NO HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE
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CONFLICT IN ANGOLA, BECAUSE FIGHTING HAD BEEN FORCED BY MPLA

SURPRISE ATTACKS. SAID HE REJECTED PRESS PROPAGANDA THAT THE MPLA CONTROLLED 12 OF 16 PROVINCES IN ANGOLA, NOTING IT PROBABLY MORE LIKE TEN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CENTERS AND TWO DISTRICTS PROPER. REMAINING DISTRICTS HE SAID WERE IN HANDS OF UNITA AND FNLA EXCEPT POSSIBLY FOR ISOLATED TOWNS. UNITA IS AWARE OF MPLA PLAN TO INTRODUCE USE OF AIRCRAFT AND, IF NECESSARY, IS READY TO FOLLOW SUIT. MPLA IS ALREADY BEING SUPPORTED BY PORTUGUESE RECONNAISSANCE (ARTILLERY

SPOTTING) FLIGHTS.

3. CURRENT MPLA OBJECTIVE IS TO PENETRATE CENTER OF COUNTRY - HENCE FIGHTING AT QUIBALA AND AT LUSO, RECENTLY RETAKEN BY UNITA FORCES. MPLA'S EARLIER MILITARY SUCCESSES DUE TO ARMAMENT EFFORT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ALVOR ACCORD. NETO'S FORCES NOW DISPOSE OF TANKS, LONG RANGE ARTILLERY, MISSILES AND ROCKET LAUNCHERS OF SOVIET MANUFACTURE. UNITA AND FNLA HOPE TO MATCH AND NEGATE THAT ADVANTAGE BY NOVEMBER 11.

"MERCENARIES", SAID TO HAVE ENTERED FROM THE SOUTH, WERE IN FACT SOUTH

AFRICAN SOLDIERS SENT TO OCCUPY THE CUNENE DAM FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF

PORTUGUESE TROOPS TOWARDS NOVA LISBOA AND LUANDA. SAVIMBI SAID LUSAKA DECISION TO SEND MISSION TO KINSHASA, LISBON AND LUANDA WILL DO NOTHING TO CHANGE SITUATION IN ANGOLA.

4. BEFORE CONCLUDING INTERVIEW, SAMVIMBI RECOGNIZED DIFFICULTY IN ORGANIZING ELECTIONS AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF UNITA AND FNLA WORKING

TOGETHER TO DETERMINE A COMMON STRATEGY AGAINST MPLA, WHICH IS UNSURE ABOUT WINNING AT BALLOT BOX.

5. SEPARATE AZAP ITEM SEPT 19 SAID UGANDAN PRESIDENT IDI AMIN, IN ROLE OF OAU PRESIDENT, WILL VISIT LUANDA TO TRY TO RESOLVE FIGHTING BETWEEN RIVAL FACTIONS. PRECISE DATE FOR VISIT NOT FIXED, BUT AMIN HAS

LAUNCHED APPEAL FOR CEASEFIRE AMONG LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. WALKER

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